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- 1. REFTEL SUMMARIZED SUNDAY AFTERNOON DEMONSTRATION AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. FULLER DETAILS FOLLOW.
- 2. AROUND 4 P.M. JANUARY 11 SOME SIXTY YOUNG NIGERIANS, APPARENTLY STUDENTS, CAME TO THE RESIDENCE IN TWO UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS BUSES, SHOUTING AND CARRYING PLACARDS ATTACKING US POLICY ON ANGOLA. AFTER FIFTEEN MINUTES OF NOISY NEGOTIATION WITH HANDFUL OF POLICE (POLICE INSIDE RESIDENCE GATES AND DEMONSTRATORS OUTSIDE IN THE STREET) SEVERAL STUDENTS CLIMBED GATE, OPENED IT FROM INSIDE, AND THEIR COLLEAGUES STREAMED THROUGH TO FRONT DOOR OF RESIDENCE, WHERE THEY RIPPED DOWN US SEAL FROM ABOVE ENTRANCE AND THEN WITHDREW TO STREET, DEPARTING IN THEIR BUSES AFTER FIVE MORE MINUTES OF HARANGUE AND PULLING OFF BRASS PLAQUE FROMFRONT GATE. NO OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE AND NO PERSONAL INJURIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. POLICE TRIED TO HOLD DEMONSTRATORS OUTSIDE GATE BUT FELL BACK AND WATCHED WHEN GATE WAS OPENED. POLICE SERGEANT TOLD AMBASSADOR "WE'D HAVE HAD WORST TROUBLE IF I'D PULLED BY STICK." DEMONSTRATORS' HASTY RETREAT APPARENTLY DUE AS MUCH TO DESIRE PRESERVE CONQUEST OF SEAL AS FEAR OF ADDITIONAL POLICE, WHO IN FACT NEVER SHOWED. ONE DEMONSTRATOR HAD A STICK BUT NO OTHER WEAPONRY OBSERVED AND NOTHING WAS THROWN. EASUM

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